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October 2023



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BLACK HISTORY

MORE THAN JUST A MONTH

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LIBRARY DISPLAY & RECOMMENDED READING

During the month of October an exhibition from the UK:BHM organisation will be featured in the library foyer.

Learn about inspiring Black women and recommended reads. If you can spare the time pop into the library and check it out!

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LINKEDIN LEARNING

**ALL
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**DISCUSSING
RACISM WITH
DR CHRISTINA
GREER ONLINE
CLASS**

LinkedIn Learning, formerly Lynda.com

Having conversations
around race

**JUST ASK: KWAME
CHRISTIAN ON
DISCUSSING RACE
VIDEO TUTORIAL**

LinkedIn Learning, formerly Lynda.com

LET'S TALK ABOUT RACE ANTI-RACISM TRAINING

This race equality training course explores how racism is not just about explicit racist language, abuse, or discrimination, but it can take the form of inequality and inadvertent bias ingrained in the way organisations and society is run.

During this training, you will cover: Systemic Racial Biases vs Explicit Racist Behaviour; Unconscious Racial Bias; White Privilege; Racial Microaggressions; Tokenism.

The course will further support you to address racial bias consciously and proactively across The University.

Please contact Ceara Webster for more information
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BAME ALLYSHIP ACTIVATION

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A GOOD ALLY? START HERE...

1. Join the BAME Network Allies Channel on MS Teams email bame.network@reading.ac.uk
2. Read the [Race Equality Review](#).
3. Learn more through our BAME Allyship [resource pack](#).
4. Complete Anti-racist training, Unconscious Bias training & Active Bystander training on [UoR Learn](#)
5. Sign-up and support BAME-led initiatives and events.
6. Initiate & grow a BAME allies group in your school/function
7. Follow blackhistorymonth.org.uk & raceequalitymatters.com
8. Keep in touch at bame.network@reading.ac.uk



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External BHM:UK

PROTECTING YOUNG BLACK LIVES, CELEBRATING BLACK PROFESSIONALS

15:30, Cumberland Lodge The Great Park Windsor

A multi-day event to highlight the contributions of Black professionals in safeguarding Black children in the UK. Structural, contextual, and interpersonal experiences will be explored, to build recommendations that celebrate, protect, and develop anti-racist methods of learning.

This event has been developed by Professor Carlene Firmin (Contextual Safeguarding Programme, Durham University) and Ben Lindsay (Power the Fight) as two Black professionals who attended the UK child trafficking event held at Cumberland Lodge in 2021.

Book Ticket/s [online](#)

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BAME Network + Allies

NETWORK DROP-IN CAFÉ

12:00 – 14:00, Library café,
Whiteknights campus

Learn about us. Join our network.
Have your say.

Grab a free tote bag & free hot drink.

Meet fellow network members.

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Reading Students' Union

ZINE MAKING

13:00 – 16:00

Student Opportunities Room 2

A collaborative effort to create a Black History Month zine, everyone who drops in can make a page – relating to Black History and/or Black Pride – that will be collated into a document and shared.

In Student Opportunities Room 2 (at the back of the Students' Union building), 13:00 – 16:00.

Please contact Gabe James and Kayleigh Fryer for more information k.fryer@reading.ac.uk, gabe.james@reading.ac.uk



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LIMPOPO GROOVE DRUMMING WORKSHOP

12:00 – 13:00 (25 spaces)
Reading Students' Union



Join Limpopo Groove for a fun, interactive drumming workshop where you will learn about African drum and culture. No experience is needed to take part, so come along to meet new people and learn a new skill!

This free workshop is open to staff and students. Spaces are limited – to reserve your book please email community@reading.ac.uk.

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History Department

BLACK HISTORY MONTH HISTORY DEPARTMENT WORKSHOP

16:00 – 18:00, Chancellors G02

This event, hosted by the history department, will look at the narratives and experiences of Black women in different parts of the world at different chronological points, from rural Berkshire in the early-modern period to the nineteenth-century United States and Britain after the Second World War, and how historical research plays a part in revealing these stories. With a mixture of visual display, talks by historians and workshop discussion, the importance and continued relevance of these accounts that have been historically marginalised or obscured will be examined.

Please contact Daniel Renshaw for more information d.g.renshaw@reading.ac.uk

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THROUGH A DIFFERENT LENS

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY

18:00 –20:30

Reading Biscuit Factory

Join us for an evening to celebrate black history by supporting black filmmakers. In partnership with Through A Different Lens and hosted by the Reading Biscuit Factory, join us for a night of short films produced by black filmmakers, a Q&A with creatives and enjoy the incredible flavours of local food.

This event is open to staff, students and the local community.

Tickets are limited. Sign up [online](#)
Any questions please email
jocelyn@throughadifferentlens.co.uk.

THROUGH A DIFFERENT LENS SCREENING OF RYE LANE

19:00 –21:00, Reading Biscuit Factory

In partnership with Through A Different Lens and hosted by the Reading Biscuit Factory, join us for a screening of Rye Lane followed by a Q&A and talk about on screen representation of Black British People in Film.

Tickets are limited. To find out more information and register please email jocelyn@throughadifferentlens.co.uk.

David Jonsson

Vivian Oparah

Rye Lane



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BAME + Allies Network

WHAT ACTION IS STILL NEEDED?

12:30 –14:00, 105 Palmer building,
Whiteknights campus

Open to University of Reading BAME staff & student network members.

Come together and help shape our network priorities for the year ahead.

Meet each other, share your views, and listen actively to the needs of our community.

bame.network@reading.ac.uk

DECOLONISING TEACHING AND LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS SHOWCASE

14:30 – 15:30, Online

This showcase is in support of the latest Decolonising the Curriculum (DtC) Resource, published in September 2023. Both the event and the resource will help colleagues to cultivate learning spaces in which all students feel included, empowered and valued.

We will begin with an introduction from Professor Al Laville, Dean for Diversity and Inclusion and Co-

Chair of the DtC Working Group, followed by a series of lightning talks from colleagues on a range of DtC and inclusive initiatives from across the University.

All colleagues involved in teaching and learning or supporting students are welcome.

Book your place on [UoRlearn](#).

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CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH DIVERSITY & INCLUSION FLAGSHIP EVENT

12:30 – 13:30, Online

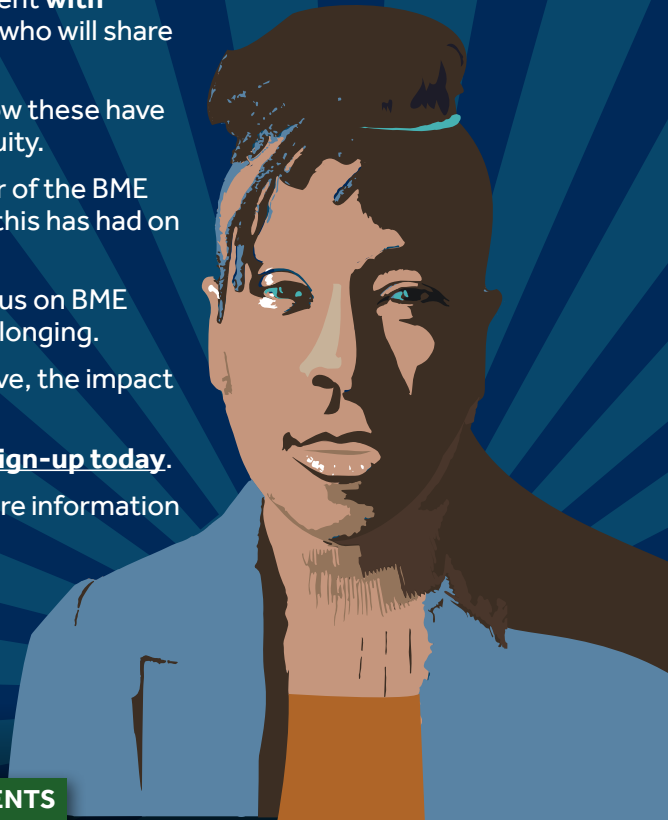
In Conversation with Dr Deborah Husbands from University of Westminster

Join us online for a special event **with guest speaker Dr Husbands** who will share expert insights about:

- Lived experiences and how these have informed work in race equity.
- Being a founding member of the BME Network and the impact this has had on colleagues.
- PhD research and the focus on BME students and sense of belonging.
- Black History Year initiative, the impact and reach this has had.

Free to attend, all welcome, **sign-up today.**

Please contact Events for more information
events@reading.ac.uk



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UNIVERSITY OF READING FOOD MARKET

10:00 – 15:00, Palmer Quad, Whiteknights



Whiteknights campus regularly hosts an international street food market. With vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free options, the market caters to all dietary requirements.

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BLACK ARTS SHOWCASE

16:00 –23:00, 3Sixty

A showcase of amazing and varied talent from our Black students and local Black performers and creatives, art, poetry, music, dance, all afternoon and evening! If you're interested in performing or submitting some art or poetry, please email Kayleigh at k.fryer@reading.ac.uk

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gabe.james@reading.ac.uk

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WEAR RED DAY 2023

All day, Whiteknights, London Road and Henley



Show Racism the Red Card's annual Wear Red Day
CHANGE HEARTS. CHANGE MINDS. CHANGE LIVES.

In 2022, an incredible 440,000 individuals registered to celebrate with us on Wear Red Day. To us it was a sign that we have never been more in demand, more needed or more relevant. As a charity, we exist through necessity and as a supporter you drive us on to be the best that we can be. As a supporter you are showing your true brave colours. As part of the team you make us stronger.

Every heart and every mind that we change changes at least one life but has the capacity to change hundreds, if not thousands of others.
Be a proud anti-racist. Be the difference. Join us. Wear Red.

For more information visit, [Wear Red Day - Show Racism the Red Card](#)

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ACTIVE BYSTANDER TRAINING

10:00 – 11:30, Online

Racism, bullying, sexual harassment and other inappropriate behaviours contribute to a toxic culture. The impact they have on people can be hugely detrimental – leading to stress, anxiety, and mental health problems. As we are seeing in the news, it can be deeply corrosive and damaging if these behaviours and attitudes are normalised over time. That's why it's essential for everyone to know how to speak up when problems arise.

This innovative and award-winning training gives you – and your

people – the skills to challenge unacceptable behaviours, including those which may have become normalised over time.

This course consists of a group online session followed by an ongoing discussion and sharing of further resources.

Keep an eye out for training from the Diversity and Inclusion team throughout October

Please contact Ceara Webster for more information ceara.webster@reading.ac.uk

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BAME Network + Allies

HARRIET (2019) FILM SCREENING

19:00, Minghella building,
Whiteknights campus

A free film screening to honour this year's BHM theme Saluting our Sisters, This film features the moving story of Harriet Tubman. A thrilling and inspirational tale based on the life of an iconic American freedom fighter, Harriet tells the extraordinary tale of Harriet Tubman's escape from slavery and transformation into one of America's greatest heroes. Her courage, ingenuity, and tenacity freed hundreds of slaves and changed the course of history.

Free to attend. All welcome.

Secure your space/s today.

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Women@Reading Network
BAME + Allies Network

SALUTING OUR SISTERS

12:00 - 14:00,
Whiteknights campus

This event is hosted by the Women@Reading Network in collaboration with the BAME & Allies Network. Join us for this special session which is dedicated to phenomenal Black women and aligned to the **2023 Black History Month theme: Saluting our Sisters**. We'll be learning from their expertise and celebrating their accomplishments as innovators and real-life changemakers.

All welcome. Free to attend.
Light refreshments provided.

Booking essential: **Register here today!**



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EVENTS HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY DURING OCTOBER

Tutus Ethiopian Table

Details about the Open Mic that happens once a month can be found on Tutus Ethiopian Table [Facebook page](#).

Alliance for Cohesion and Racial Equality (ACRE)

ACRE events are found on the [ACRE Facebook page](#)

Culture Mix

Click [here](#) where the website includes details about all events.

BAFA Barbados and Friends Association

[Facebook Page](#)

Jamaica and Friends Society

Follow their [Facebook page](#) for events

Through A Different Lens

Creative Connection every month at the Reading Biscuit Factory.

Follow TADL on [Eventbrite](#).

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